

Hi Fans,

Thank you for catching my error in the last newsletter and calling my attention to it. I erroneously stated that "Bless the Beasts and Children" is on the album "Carpenters". Indeed, it is NOT. It is on the "A Song For You" album. As promised in the last newsletter, the following is a list of all gold records Karen & Richard have received with albums leading the list:

CLOSE TO YOU	A & M, RIAA, United Kingdom, Canada
CARPENTERS	A & M, RIAA, United Kingdom, Canada
A SONG FOR YOU	A & M, RIAA, United Kingdom, Canada
NOW & THEN	A & M, RIAA, United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, Netherlands
THE SINGLES	A & M, RIAA, United Kingdom, Canada, Netherlands
HORIZON	A & M, RIAA, Japan
A KIND OF HUSH	A & M, RIAA

LIVE IN JAPAN and CARPENTERS GOLDEN PRIZE (VOLUMES I & II) were King Records re-leases which earned for them a gold record each.

Singles are as follows:

CLOSE TO YOU	A & M, RIAA
ONLY JUST BEGUN	A & M, RIAA
FOR ALL WE KNOW	A & M, RIAA
RAINY DAYS ***	A & M, RIAA
SUPERSTAR	A & M, RIAA, Japan
HURTING EACH OTHER	A & M, RIAA
SING	A & M, RIAA
YESTERDAY ONCE MORE	A & M, RIAA, Japan, United Kingdom
TOP OF THE WORLD	A & M, RIAA, Japan, United Kingdom
MR. POSTMAN	A & M, RIAA, Japan
ONLY YESTERDAY	Japan
WON'T LAST A DAY **	Japan
JAMBALAYA	Japan (Released by King Records, Japan)

The Netherlands also awarded them two platinum albums, one for "NOW & THEN" and one for "THE SINGLES". The United Kingdom awarded them a gold cassette and a silver eight track cartridge for cassette and tape sales. Air date for the Carpenter TV Special will be December 2. While viewing it, watch for a race between Richard (in his Ferrari) and Al Unser and Johnny Rutherford. The race took place at the Riverside Raceway. You will also see Karen magically transformed into Cher. You will hear Karen and John Denver sing a duet and witness a brilliant piano duet by Richard and Victor Borge. You will be treated to Karen's fabulous drum solo and laugh at Richard's Spike Jones version of "Close to You". Be sure to watch it. October & November are tour months and schedules are as follows:

Oct. 13	Rexburg, Idaho -- Rick's College	21	Nocogdoches, Texas - Stephen Austin Col.
14	Saltlake City -- U. of Utah	22	Huntsville, Texas - Sam Houston State U.
15	Logan Utah -- Utah State U.	23	Norman, Okla. - U. of Oklahoma
16	Provo, Utah -- Brigham Young U.	24	Houston, Texas - U. of Houston
19	Searcy, Ark. -- Harding College	25	Lake Charles, La. - Civic Aud.
20	Longview, Texas -- Longview H.S. Aud.		
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Nov. 10	Munich, Germany -- Deutches Museum	18	Manchester, England - A B C
12	Dusseldorf, Germany - Philipshalle	19	Blackpool, England - Opera House
13	Hamburg, Germany - Congress Centrum	20	Birmingham, England - Hippodrome
14	Amsterdam, Holland - Eden Hall	22 - 27	London - Palladium
15	Frankfurt, Germany - Jahrhunderhalle	28	London - BBC TV Special
17	Edinburgh, Scotland		

The "Kind of Hush" music books are now in stock and sell for \$7.00 for U.S. members and \$7.50 for foreign members. New concert books are also in stock and the price for all concert books - both old issues and new are \$2.50 each for U.S. and \$3.00 foreign. The enclosed flysheet indicates new prices on all items and will be a big help in making your Christmas list. One of the loveliest gifts you can give are the beautiful colored photographs of K & R. Some of you have already sent in repeat orders along with complimentary thank you notes for offering these beautiful photos at such a

reasonable price. Christmas orders from U.S. members must reach us by Thanksgiving. Carpenters and the fan club staff thank you for your orders of keepsake items throughout the years. It is the sale of these items that support the cost of the newsletter. To automobile buffs who are interested in Richard's collection - more have been added since the last newsletter. Add to your list:

1976 Chevrolet Cosworth Vega - black

1968 Chrysler Imperial - maroon

1964 Thunderbird - white

1963 Thunderbird - white

1963 Corvette - brown

1963 Corvette - red

1961 Chrysler 300 G - black

1960 Chrysler 300 F - white

1957 Thunderbird - black (second one)

1955 Chrysler St. Regis - red & white

FLASH - Just received word that Richard will NOT be driving his Ferrari in the great race you will witness on TV December 2. He merely used his Ferrari for practice to get the feel of the racetrack. He will be driving a Formula 5000 - the same type that Al Unser and Johnny Rutherford will be driving. Now for some questions & answers.

Q. When did K & R sign with Herb Alpert?

A. April 22, 1969 at 11:32 A.M.

Q. Is it true that K & R are quitting show biz?

A. NO WAY ! They enjoy what they are doing and are not ready to retire.

Q. Does Karen like to wear hats?

A. She is not a "hat nut" but she enjoys wearing one occasionally.

Q. Are K & R interested in the Olympics?

A. Yes. When they were not at home when the Olympics were being televised, they had Mom & Dad video tape the programs for them so they could watch them later.

Q. Why didn't Karen play drums on the album "A Kind of Hush?"

A. Richard wanted to try some different sounds by different drummers.

Q. Did R & K enjoy doing their TV Special?

A. YES. It was a new and very thrilling experience to be doing their very own Special. They enjoyed working with John Denver and Victor Borge, two very likable and fun-loving people. They had an excellent production crew who were a joy to be around. Between shots, Victor kept them laughing. He can ad lib comedy faster than writers can put it on paper. They feel very fortunate in having acquired many great new friends through the special.

Q. Was K singing before she started taking voice?

A. The only voice study Karen had was being part of Long Beach State Acapella Choir.

Q. What is K's voice range?

A. D below middle C to G above high C.

Q. Does Richard ever write the words to songs?

A. Yes, though he hasn't done so for quite some time. He leaves the lyrics up to John Bettis now, who has more time to concentrate on them.

Q. Has Karen ever written a song?

A. No. She leaves the song writing up to Richard.

Q. When you fly, is it by tourist or first class?

A. First class.

Q. How many people work on issuing the newsletter?

A. K & R supply most of the information (along with Mom & Dad). Ev writes it. Patty and Rosina supply the printer with names of all new members, changes of address, deletions, etc. as well as delivering the original to the printer. From there it goes to a mailing business where it is folded, placed in an envelope which has been addressed to a F/C member, sealed and carried to the post office.

In the past I have thanked and complimented all the fans for the artistic creations they have sent to K & R. Now I want to thank all of you for your continued support, your loyalty and most of all the love you so generously extend to K & R, to Mom and Dad and to the Fan Club staff. We all appreciate your letters and the nice things you say to us. We are delighted that you care enough to write. We welcome your suggestions and your criticism - constructive and non-constructive; it helps in making decisions. So keep your letters coming, and many thanks.

Rap later,

Ev